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Old Virginia Xmas.

"I remember, I remember," as Thos
Hood once sang, an old white stucco
house in Virginia, broad and rambling,
with unexpected wings and outer stair-
ways, and the kitchen offices connected
with it by latticed walks.

It stood amid a grove of really noble
oak trees that in the first year of war
lowered their grand heads and fell crash-
ing earthward in answer to the order of
United States authorities to make a
breastworks against possible rebels ad-
vancing from Manassas upon Washing-
ton. Around this dwelling stretched
undulating lawns, encircled in turn
with woods that were the fairy world of
my childhood.

By many besides the one who sum-
mons this reminiscence the old place,
destroyed by war, will be remembered
with keen pleasure, for it was the grand
parental home of a large family ac-
customed to resort there for delightful long
southern visits, and at all times of hol-
iday.

Although the climate in that part of
Virginia does not by any means imply
warm Christmas, it is not to be count-
ed on for snowy ones, and great was our
youthful glaze when white flakes falling
on Christmas eve caused the servants
to inform us that celestial goose-picking
had begun.

To recall the celebration of Christmas
in old Virginia I should have to dis-
pense a hodge-podge of souvenirs as
much material as sentimental. For there
was prominent the cooking part of it,
to whom the ladies of the household
always lent nice care, and in which the
children took vivid interest. There
were loaves of sugar to be watched in
the breaking, almonds to be blanched
and crushed in rose water, being to be
made to assume the traceries of frost-
work on the pane.

Outdoors, I recall a visit to a quaint
little bright-eyed possum kept in a bar-
rel, of whom his negro captor told me,
smacking his lips to my disgust, that
he'd make prime catf' when he gets
on a bed of baked sweet 'taters Christ-
mas night.

There were pig-tails roasted
and distributed among the chil-
dren by their negro admirers,
but of these joys I tasted not. There
were calico bags of chinquapins (fas-
cinating little gold-brown baby chest-
nuts), also brought into the house as
trophies from the colored people, and
big apples, with ears of pop-corn, small
bottles of abominable sweet-scent, and
boxes made of shells brought on their
visits to the neighboring towns.

In return we gave them whatever
our savings would allow us to contrib-
ute. It was inevitable that the first
consideration of Christmas gifts,
whether from a child or adult, should
be for the servants of the household. I
know there was a meaning, a tender-
ness, in these interchanges that one
never sees to-day in the presents count-
ed upon and received with cool indif-
ference by the domestic staff of modern
days.

"The first Christmas I remember"—
ah! me! a gray mist surrounds it,
and I seem to be in the dawn of a
crisp Virginia morning, nestled in
—now for a shock to modern
hygiene—the depths of a Virginia
feather-bed, with some ostensibly slum-
bering elder "chumped" in warm cover-
ings at my side. Detaching itself from
the line of the chimney-piece hangs
my stocking, of which I hasten to take
thrilled possession.

Truly—yes, fervently—I believed
that the treasures presently spread up-
on the knot-work quilt came to me in
an aerial sleigh driven by a jolly red-
nosed man in furs. Whether it was ac-
tually swallows in the chimney-top or
flying squirrels gambolling upon our
eaves, I believed sundry noises of the
night to be the pawing of tiny chargers
on the roof.

This creed gave me years of unquali-
fied satisfaction, and when recently I
asked a small person of six whether he
still believed in Santa Claus and he an-
swered me in withering good English
"I never believed in Santa Claus; I al-
ways thought it was parents," I felt
quenched and dejected beyond reason.

At last, with the sun looking in
the eight long windows of the din-
ing-room and twinkling on the holly
and box-bushes under them, outside
one felt there was gala in the air.

Then we went to church, and after it
we sat down, at 2 o'clock, to a dinner
that lasted late in the afternoon. The
old silver shown anew, and the jellies
quivered with satisfaction at the fun
around the board.

In the evening we gathered about
the fire made upon the remnants of
last year's Yule log and told stories and
played games. There were six win-
dows curtained with red damask in the
drawing-room and several doors, in
and out of which boys and dogs were
perpetually moving.

The in-door games I remember best
at Christmas times in old Virginia after
the ceremony of rolling in the Yule log,
which would never roll, and was al-
ways forcibly tugged by boy cousins
with exhortations and doubtful
tempers, were performed in a high day
and holiday fashion, too decorous to be
really to our taste. They took place
under the supervision of maiden aunts,
amid the red damask chairs and sofas,
girandoles and ostrich-eggs of the draw-
ing-room, and enshrined a sort of fear-
ful joy.

"Stage coach" I can recall, when on

one occasion I was nearly exterminat-
ed by two stalwart youths struggling
for my place, I emerging from the melée
in the condition of Hood's picture of
"A Spoiled Child,"—the baby in an
easy chair, upon which an unconscious
stout lady has just taken her seat! It
was all very well for them to apologize
and offer to train a dog for me, throw-
ing in the promise of a paper of Mrs.
Appich's sugar-plums the next time
they went into town. My dignity was
gone and I was ill-appeased.

"Magical music" pleased me, especially
when it flowed from the finger-tips of
M. F., an angel in our midst and elsewhere
until she was taken home. But I think
play for jollity's sake is apt to be perfunctory,
and we were relieved when the door opened
to admit a subtle functioning hearing sly
strays of egg-nog and fruit-cake.

Better fun was to be had in the "Long
room"—its deep-mouthed fire-place filled
with a crackling wood fire, its furniture
scattered with tokens of generations of
boys and girls, its walls hung with guns
and fishing-rods—the school desks pushed
back and apples waiting to be roasted upon
strings above the hearth. There we gathered
and talked and played; there I read "Evelina"
in a window seat, apart from the passed
maiden to marriage, stridlings to college,
to the navy, to business, and—to war.

For lurking behind the merriment of our
easy-going life was a grim presence whose
hand outstretched was soon to silence it for-
ever. The last Christmas I remember at Van-
cuse—that of 1890—was, like the first, a
time of pleasure unalloyed to young people;
but in another year the old home was blotted
out of sight, and its ruins lay in a desert over
which the Christmas bells swept drearily.

Mrs. BURTON HARRISON.

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Positively cures Rheumatism, Neu-
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ARTIFICIAL TEETH
A NOVEL GIFT**

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are guaranteed the best that sci-
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It is endorsed by the best people
of Washington. Extracting with
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Manufacturers of
DOOR AND WINDOW FRAMES, MOULD-
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LATHS, NAILS, LIME,
CALCINED PLASTER AND CEMENT

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Lumber delivered free in the city.
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Shingles, Laths, Nails, Cement, Calcined
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AND ALL KINDS OF WOOD WORK

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or friend do not forget to place a bottle of
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thus making the feast doubly enjoyable and
healthful. For sale by J. A. DENELT & CO.,
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generally. dec20 tjan1

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of which we carry full stocks, and prices are
low.

JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS,
Alexandria, Va.

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HAIR GROWER** at
LUNT & ALLEN'S.

HOLIDAY GOODS. ARE YOU LOOKING FOR

A DESIRABLE

Christmas Present

That will not incur a large outlay?

If so, we would suggest a visit to our store,
where will be found everything that usually
goes to make up a first-class stock of DOMES-
TIC DRY GOODS, DRESS GOODS, SILKS,
VELVETS, TRIMMINGS in all shades, LAD-
IES' MISSES' and CHILDREN'S WRAPS,
Blankets, Comforts and Shawls in all grades,
Table Damasks, Towels and Napkins, Che-
mille Portieres and Table Covers, Lace Cur-
tains, Ladies' Gents' and Children's Under-
wear, Hosiery, Gloves, Corsets, Neckwear,
Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs and Mufflers in silk,
linen and cotton in great variety, Muffs and
Fur Sets, Moquet, Smyrna, Wool and Fur
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moderate cost.

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316 KING STREET.

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What to buy and when to buy it is the
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and inspecting the beautiful stock of Christ-
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have lots of FANCY GOODS, but no fancy
prices. Call and prove this to be true. Also
the largest lines of BIBLES, PRAYER
BOOKS, HYMNALS and CHILDREN'S
BOOKS in the city.

S. F. DYSON & BRO.,
508 King Street.
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AN OPEN LETTER.

We have received a letter from Kaufmann
Bros., Broadway, New York, in which they
state: "We shipped to you this day per steam-
er \$1,000 worth of the FINEST PLUSH
GOODS we ever manufactured. We have
billed them to you at original cost, or rather
our profit off. You will therefore be enabled
to give to your customers the GREATEST
BARGAINS in the way of HOLIDAY PRE-
SENTS in this line of goods. They consist of
NOVELTIES never shown in your city heretofore,
such as TOILET CASES, WORK
BOXES, SHAVING CASES, JEWELRY and
ODOR CASES, GLOVE BOXES, ALBUMS,
MANICURE SETS, SILVERWARE and
CASES, WALL POCKETS, ALLIGATOR
OXIDIZED, CALF and MOROCCO PURSES
and BOOKS, &c., &c."

We desire to call the attention of the public
to the fact that the manufacturers' profit on
this class of goods is not less than 40 per cent.,
and as we need not keep what is left over,
rather than return any, we mean to dispose of
all of them at a small profit, having nothing
to lose and all to gain. Respectfully,

KAUFMANN'S COMBINATION STORE.
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Musical Holiday Goods

MUSICAL DOLLS.
A FULL ASSORTMENT OF
MUSICAL NOVELTIES,
TAMBOURINES FOR DECORATING,
PIANOS, ORGANS, VIOLINS,
BANJOS, GUITARS, ACCORDEONS,
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FANCY LAMP SHADES of all colors.

T. D. GAMBRILL,
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ARE YOU ASKING YOURSELF THE

ALL-IMPORTANT QUESTION,
WHAT SHALL I BUY
FOR XMAS?

If so take a look at

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424 KING STREET.

In it you will find the largest line of GEN-
TLEMEN'S NECKWEAR, UNDERWEAR,
SUSPENDERS, COLLARS, CUFFS, HOSIE-
RY, &c., in the city; also Ladies' Underwear,
Hosiery, Corsets, Dress Goods, Dress Trim-
mings, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Towels,
Napkins, Table Linen, &c.
Also, for the children, TOYS in endless
profusion. Make your selections now before
the rush.

J. R. CHAPMAN,
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George R. Hill & Co.,
Steam Manufacturers of Fine Family

Crackers and Cakes,
AND
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California Prunes, Peaches, Appricots, Pears,
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Cheese, Duffy's Malt, Old Thompson, Hanni-
ville, Kentucky Bourbon, Monticello, Ar-
lington, Marshall and Melville Whiskies,
choice Table Wines and all other good things
suitable for Christmas.
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HOLIDAY TRADE.

Layer Raisins,
Valencia Raisins,
New Currants,
Mixed Nuts,
New Citron,
Cox's Gelatine,
Nelson's Gelatine,
Chamber's Gelatine,
Italian Macaroni,
Attmore's Mint Meat,
Fancy New Orleans Molasses,
Sweet Cider,
French and American Sardines,
Cooking Brandy,
French Brandy,
Cooking Wine, very old Sherry,
Scotch Whisky and Pure Old Rye,
Jamaica and St. Croix Rum,
Purest New England Rum,
Bass & Co's Ale,
Guinness Stout,
Portner's Export Beer,
Mum & Co's Extra Dry Champagne,
Acklen Out Meat and Rolled Oats,
Hecker's self-raising Buckwheat,
Olive Oil, Mixed Pickles, Sweet Pickles and
Canned Goods.
All at Lowest Prices.
W. A. JOHNSON & CO.,
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AT
HENRY WILDT'S
106 N. ROYAL STREET,
Alexandria, Va.

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired.
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An Absorbing Question

Is "What shall I buy this year for Christ-
mas?" Allow us to suggest a Dainty Bit
of Porcelain! Cast your eye along
this line of novelties and see if we have not
suggested something you had not thought of
in this connection.

HAYLAND CELESTINE TRAYS,
BISCUIT JARS,
AFTERNOON TEA KETTLES,
THE "JEWETT" CHIAFFIN DISH,
**HAYLAND'S NEW ALL-OVER PAT-
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**IN EGG DISHES AND SPOON HOLD-
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SALAD TRAYS,
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**BANQUET LAMPS, ROCHESTER OR "B.
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Make it a point to call at our store, at night
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salesmen show you the goods. If you see
anything you want, but not until Christmas
Eve, have it set aside until then. Do not
wait until a day or so before Christmas, but
come early and pick out what you want, be-
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E. J. Miller & Son,
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If you want entire satisfaction, you want
TENNEY'S BRANDS.

They are as near perfection as it is possible to
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We recommend our Flour for the reason.
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Is headquarters for all kinds of HOLIDAY GOODS. Albums and Toilet Sets in Cellu-
loid, Wood and Plush, Christmas Cards of all designs, Fine Mirrors, Cabinet Frames in
Ivory, Celluloid, Oak, Glass and Silver, Fine Papereries in Wood and Plush Boxes, Water
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Easels of all the latest designs in Oak, Mahogany, Steel and Enamel. WE HAVE THE
LARGEST STOCK OF GAMES IN THE CITY AND AT LOW-DOWN PRICES.

GAMES! GAMES! GAMES!

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417 & 419 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.
BE NEVER SO GOOD! NEVER SO CHEAP!

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lections, the most appropriate and desirable presents AT FAIREST FIGURES.
Remember, this splendid assortment contains the right things for every person, old, mid-
dle-aged or young.

Popular selections at popular prices are features of this magnificent stock, which particu-
larly recommends it to holiday buyers. Come and see the latest and best in SILVER
PLATED TOILET CASES, Manicure Sets, Work Boxes, Shaving Cases, Smokers' Sets, Mir-
rors, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Inkstands in wood, glass and metal, Bronze Goods and Fine De-
corated China, Writing Desks and Lap Tablets in Russia Leather and Seal, Music Boxes, Ac-
cordion, Pocket Knives, Fountain Pens, Gold Pens and Pencils, Opera Glasses and Silver-
plated Desk Accessories of all kinds, Picture Frames and Fine Art Pictures.

FINE LEATHER GOODS—Pocket Books, Bill Books, Card Cases, Traveling Bags and
Cases—in great variety.

BEAUTIFUL GIFT BOOKS—All the leading novels and standard works in sets cheaper
than ever. Christmas Cards and Booklets the handsomest ever shown.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS AND BIBLES—A beautiful line of all the standard Catholic
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AGENT FOR THE GENUINE FRENCH PEBBLE EYE GLASSES, acknowledged by all
to be the finest eye glass made. A large and exquisite assortment of these goods in Solid
Gold, Silver and Nickel Frames. A most appropriate Christmas Gift.

Innumerable attractive and appropriate presents which we lack space to enumerate. Come
and see how satisfactory Christmas shopping can be made, how well we can fill your wants
and how far we can make your money go.

ROBERT W. FRENCH.
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AUCTION SALES.

AUCTION SALE OF CONSIGNMENT
or
Mens' & Boys' Skates,
&c., &c.

and other goods for Christmas commencing
TO-NIGHT at 7 o'clock.
O'NEAL & LUNT, Auctioneers,
Cor. King and Royal streets.

By O'Neal & Lunt, Auctioneers,
COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Corporation
Court of the city of Alexandria, entered on
the 19th day of December, 1892, in the
chancery cause of Charles W. Howell vs.
John Howell et al., the undersigned, as spe-
cial commissioner mentioned in said decree,
will offer for sale at public auction at the
eastern entrance to the Market Building in
the city of Alexandria, on

SATURDAY,
the 7th day of January, 1893,
at 12 o'clock noon of that day, the following
described property: to wit:

**ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND WITH
THE IMPROVEMENTS thereon on the east
side of Washington street, between King and
Prince streets, in the city of Alexandria, Vir-
ginia, known as No. 110 north Washington
street, fronting twenty feet on Washington
street and running back one hundred and
twenty-three feet, more or less.**

Terms of Sale: One-third cash; the residue
in two equal payments, payable at six and
twelve months from date of sale, evidenced
by notes of purchaser, with approved security,
bearing interest at six per cent. per annum,
and title to property to be retained until the
whole of the purchase money is paid. Con-
veyancing at cost of purchaser.

LEONARD MARBURY,
Special Commissioner.

I hereby certify that the bond required un-
der the above mentioned decree has been duly
given, with approved security, by Leonard
Marbury, the special commissioner named
therein.
JOHN S. BEACH,
dec20 ts Clerk.

SALE OF STOCK

of
North West Alexandria Improvement Co.
ON THURSDAY,

the 12th day of January, 1893, at twelve
o'clock m,

In front of the Market House, Royal street,
Alexandria, Virginia, there will be sold at
public auction the following shares of stock of
the North West Alexandria Improvement Co.
standing on the books in the name of the fol-
lowing persons:

10 shares E. F. Brewington, 910 F street,
Washington, D. C.
5 shares James W. Barker, 1106 H street,
Washington, D. C.

4 shares C. E. H. Warner, Manassas, Va.
10 shares J. C. Bickel, Alexandria, Va.
10 shares J. M. Flaherty, Madison Mills, Va.
5 shares J. G. Field, Gordonsville, Va.
5 shares T. A. Goodman, 1309 G street,
Washington, D. C.

20 shares Thos. A. Gaines, Boston, Va.
100 shares Jas. H. Grant, Washington, D. C.
35 shares Wm. E. Hedge, 1716 12th street,<